



THE GRIGGS COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, a \$450,000, 26-bed hospital, was opened last Thursday at Cooperstown, N. D. The exterior photo was taken by Jarrett Studio, Cooperstown, and the picture of the hospital room by Alan E. Frigaard of Cooperstown.

Open \$450,000 Hospital At Cooperstown

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Cooperstown, N. D.—The \$450,000 Griggs county Community hospital was opened here Thursday after receiving state health department approval.

The 26-bed hospital, for which bids were let in the spring of 1948, began operation without special ceremonies. E. S. Berdahl of rural Cooperstown was the first patient, with three others being admitted by afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Mack is administrator and superintendent of nurses. There are seven nurses at present of 14 employees.

Dr. K. M. Wakefield, who came here a month ago from Winnipeg, will be joined this weekend by Dr. W. L. Fennell, also of Winnipeg.

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Opening of the hospital culminates plans of many years. Of the cost, county residents contributed more than \$314,000, much of it coming from operation of the Cooperstown non-profit, monopoly liquor store. The federal government furnished the balance.

E. S. Arneson is president of the Griggs County Hospital association. Other executive board members are Ed Reitan, vice president, Carl Johnson, treasurer, and Tupper Howden, secretary.